

REMARKS

Summary Of Office Action

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application.

The Examiner has required applicants to elect for prosecution one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A, drawn to claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 24-27;

Species B, drawn to claims 1, 4, 7, 28-32, and 33;

Species C, drawn to claims 14-21;

Species D, drawn to claims 22 and 34; and

Species E, drawn to claims 23 and 35.

The Examiner stated that claims 1 is generic to species A, B, and C.

Applicants' Reply

Applicants provisionally elect without traverse, for initial substantive examination in this application, Species A.

Applicants understand that if a generic claim is allowed, applicant is entitled to consideration of claims drawn to nonelected species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected for examination a single species of the claimed invention as required by the Examiner. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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